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SUBJECT: ROK FORCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

FOR AMBASSADOR

REF: SEOUL 8755

1. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO RECEIPT OF PROMISED COUNTRY TEAM ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING FORCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN (FIP).

2. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS BY STREET AND ERICSON AS PROPOSED REFTEL. AT SAME TIME, HOWEVER, YOU REALIZE THAT WASHINGTON AGENCIES WILL NOT BE IN POSITION TO MAKE ANY CONCRETE DECISIONS ON FIP; NOR TO GO BEYOND OUR PRESENT POSITION WHICH IS TO STUDY

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PLAN AND TO DO WHAT WE CAN DO IN TERMS OF AVAILABLE FMS

CREDIT RESOURCES IN SUPPORT OF IT.

3. FURTHER, WE WOULD NOT WISH STREET AND ERICSON'S VISIT TO BE CAST IN ANY TERMS WHICH WOULD LEAD ROKG TO ASSUME EARLY USG ACTION ON FIP, OR TO INDICATE THAT WE ARE READY TO ENTER INTO MULTI-YEAR COMMITMENT.

4. YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT CURRENT MILITARY ASSISTANCE

BILL BEFORE CONGRESS IS RUNNING INTO HEAVY GOING WITH POSSIBILITY OF SIGNIFICANT RESTRICTIVE AMENDMENTS WHICH COULD AFFECT FUTURE STRUCTURE OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS GENERALLY. CONSEQUENTLY, IT WILL BE UNLIKELY THAT WE COULD ADDRESS FIP CONCRETELY UNTIL WE HAVE BETTER FIX ON WHAT IS LIKELY TO EMERGE FROM CONGRESS THIS YEAR. KISSINGER

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